

The public officials meeting ended at approximately 5:00 pm when numerous citizens began arriving for the citizens workshop. A large number of interested citizens arrived early and project officials began to discuss the various concerns of the attendees with them individually.

The following are the principal citizen concerns that were noted by the project officials.

- Most of the interested citizens desired to determine where their homes would be in relation to the various corridors. The functional designs were made available to emphasize that the corridors shown were substantially wider than the anticipated right of way.
- Many attendees that live near the northern project terminus were concerned about being within the corridor as indicated in the newsletter. After looking at the proposed functional plans most were satisfied with the proposed design. However, project officials explained that the functional plans shown are very preliminary and subject to change. I suggested to each one I spoke with that lives close to the proposed alignment to keep their eyes open for changes in the design.
- Most attendees favored the Corridor 1 and the preferred Corridor 3 alignments over Corridor 2 since they would impact less residences.
- Most attendees slightly favored Corridor 1 over the preferred Corridor 3 alignment since it would be further from their homes and allow more area for future development.
- Several attendees expressed a desire to be included on the project mailing list and provided their address information to project officials.
- Several attendees expressed concerns that a bypass of only Havelock would not improve US 70 as a whole between New Bern and Morehead City due to the continuing development along existing US 70 between Havelock and these areas.
- One attendee that indicated that she owned the shooting range along Lake Road, expressed concerns about the damages and dangers from the Corridor 1 and 3 alignments bringing people closer to their facility.

The citizens workshop meeting ended at 8:00 pm. A total of 73 attendees signed in at this meeting. However, the actual attendance was estimated to be approximately 100.